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Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following <u>new paragraph</u> and section titles before the first paragraph on page 1:

-- CROSS-REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/367,459, filed August 13, 1999 (which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety), which is the U.S. National Phase of PCT/AT98/00043, filed February 27, 1998, which claims priority to Austrian Application No. A 338/97, filed February 27, 1997.--

Please insert the following <u>new</u> section heading before paragraph 1 on page 1:

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

Please insert the following <u>new</u> section heading before the second paragraph on page 1:

BACKGROUND

Please insert the following <u>new</u> section heading before the second paragraph on page 4: SUMMARY

Please insert the following <u>new</u> section after the third paragraph on page 4:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

- Fig. 1 shows a vWF multimer analysis of factor VIII/vWF-complex from cryoprecipitate, before and after purification with cation exchanger;
- Fig. 2 shows a vWF multimer analysis of factor VIII/vWF-complex from cryoprecipitate, before and after purification by means of a combined anion/cation exchange chromatography.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 16 as follows:

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The invention will now be explained in more detail by way of the following examples, examples; however, it shall not be restricted to these exemplary embodiments.

Please delete the second and third full paragraphs on page 17 (i.e., the paragraphs extending from lines 20-26).